

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

September 13, 2004

David Decker called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members were present.

Mr. Decker asked to Council for any suggestions regarding the 2005 budget. There were none. Mr. Decker suggested the 2005 budget return to 2004 levels.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Bramble to explain the ramifications of reducing the operating balance in order to balance the budget. Mr. Bramble explained the budget is projected for an 18 month period, the last 6 months of the current year and the entire 12 months of the budget year. Spending the operating balance indicates the County is spending more money than they are receiving. Cutting into the operating balance is only delaying the inevitable task of reducing expenditures. Mr. Bramble also cautioned that the operating balance is the funds the County uses to meet expenditures from one settlement to the next so that if it is depleted the County may not be able to meet payroll or pay operating expenses.

The Council began reviewing budgets in County General and reducing as they felt was appropriate.

Mr. Blade made the motion to use \$985,076 of the CAGIT revenues to fund the leases for the Annex and Juvenile Center, along with Care of Patients and Inmates, out of Public Works and Public Safety. Ms. Miller seconded. All members voting aye with a roll call vote with the exception of Mr. Curley and Mr. Scott, the motion passes.

Mr. Anderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm, Mr. Blade seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 16th day of November 2004.

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_____	Brad Anderson	_____
_____	Cedric Blade	_____
_____	Tim P. Curley	_____
_____	Effie N. Miller	_____
_____	Turk Roman	_____
_____	Darrick C. Scott	_____

David W. Decker, President

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Auditor